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REPORT

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OF

THE SELECTMEN,

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR 1859-60.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following amount drawn from the Town Treasury, ... $2302 23

And account for the same as follows:

TOWN AGENT'S BILL.

1859. Paid *Thomas J. Haselton.*

March 16,	To 1 day to Newton, on Flanders case,	1 25	
	To horse and sleigh,	1 20	
	Expenses,	75	
24–5,	1 1-2 day to Kingston and Plaistow,	1 50	
	Horse and wagon,	2 00	
	Expenses,	50	
April,	1 day exami'g records at Kingston,	1 25	
	Horse and wagon,	1 50	
	Paid J. Cilley,	1 00	
Sept. 17,	1 day at Plaistow taking depositions	1 25	
	Horse and wagon,	1 50	
	Expense,	1 00	
Oct. 1,	1 day at Exeter,	1 25	
	Horse and wagon,	1 70	
1860. Jan. 12,	1 day to Exeter,	1 25	
	Expenses,	25	
Feb. 9,	Cash paid Thomas Smith,	2 67	
	Paid witnesses at Exeter,	103 68	
	Paid witneses at Plaistow,	5 05	
	Board as per bill	11 00	
	Expenses getting witnesses,	12 35	
	Services as Agent,	10 00	
			$163 90

OVERSEER OF THE POOR'S BILL.

Paid *Thomas J. Haselton.*

To services as Overseer,	$10 00	
Services on Pauper cases,	10 00	
Time and expense getting County money,	3 00	
Cash paid Thos. Smith, for copying deed and examining records,	2 00	
Paid W. Marsters,	25	
		$25 25
To cash paid Thos. Haselton, for Town Farm Expenses,		64 99

IMPROVEMENT IN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1859.	John D. Brown's Bill.		
Sept.	To repairing Highway, District No. 5,...	5 75	
	1 stringer and 28 feet plank,.....	1 35	7 10
"	Isaac Lane's Bill.		
	To repairing Highway, District No. 13,..		6 00
"	Edmund Sleeper's Bill.		
	To 4 stringers for bridge,.....	1 32	
	1 day's labor do.,.....	1 00	
	Repairing scraper,..... ...	37	2 69
"	Osgood True's Bill.		
	To labor on bridge, District No. 11, ...	14 00	
	2 stringers for bridge, ...	5 00	
	Breaking roads, ...	3 60	22 60
"	Joseph Smith's Bill.		
	To breaking out roads, ...	1 50	
	Repairing Highway, ...	7 00	8 50
"	Charles P. Kent's Bill.		
	To labor on bridge,.....	1 00	
	Hauling lumber from Sandown,.....	75	1 75
"	John Haselton's Bill.		
	To plank and labor on bridge,.....		2 72
"	N. R. West's Bill.		
	To labor and plank on bridge,.....		3 25
"	Lewis Kimball's Bill.		
	To plank for bridge,.....		1 33
"	C. S. Wilcomb's Bill.		
	To 308 feet plank,.....	3 69	
	3 guide boards,.....	25	3 94
"	Henry Mills' Bill.		
	To plank and labor on bridge,.....		3 40
"	Walter Morse's Bill.		
April.	To repairing highway, ...	7 51	
Aug.	do. do.	6 99	14 50
	Ebenezer Marden's Bill.		
	To repairing culvert, ...	5 75	
	Labor on bridge, District No. 11, ...	4 50	10 25
	Anderson Holman's Bill.		
	To repairing highway,.....	13 99	
	Breaking out roads, ...	1 60	15 59
	George W. Hook's Bill.		
	To repairing culvert, ...		3 37
	Noah Weeks' Bill.		
	To breaking out roads,.....		1 60
	Daniel Porter's Bill.		
	To one culvert stone and laying,.....		1 00
	Edwin Haselton's Bill.		
	To stone and labor on bridge,.....		5 00
			$114 59

James Hook's Bill.
To moving 20 rods stone wall,..... 12 00
awarded by Selectmen, 1858.

H. S. Haselton's Bill.

Award for land taken for highway,		12 00	
Joseph Robinson's Bill.			
To labor on highway, 1858,		50	
			$24 50

NON-RESIDENT TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid Ebenezer Marden,		1 75	
A. Holman,		1 02	
Walter Morse,		1 95	
John S. Couch,		7 85	
Noah Weeks,		1 42	
Henry Mills,		2 05	
Benjamin Davis,		1 86	
			$17 90

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

1858.	Charles P. Kent, out of the state,	1 64	
	David W. Ingalls, "	1 64	
	Wm. H. Ball, "	1 64	
	James M. Mallon. "	1 64	
	Heirs of Abigail R. West,	1 36	
	John W. Noyes, over-taxed,	6 80	
	Robert Shirley, for stage horses,	1 37	
	John Moor, taxed wrong,	82	
	Humphrey Niles, by request,	3 87	
	Thomas Lane, taxed wrong,	2 08	
	Joseph Small, by request,	1 96	
1857-8	Aaron Ball, over 70,	3 20	
1857	George Green, out state,	3 87	
1859	Hiram Basford, over-taxed,	1 75	
	Calvin Hills, over-taxed,	69	
	John S. Couch, over-taxed,	3 41	
	John Sanborn, cow lost,	17	
	Jason Spofford, cow lost,	17	
	Edmund Whittier, over-taxed,	1 79	
			$39 87

Paid	Henry L Boltwood, for Teachers' Institute,		11 88
"	Lucien Kent, for services as Town Clerk,		10 00
"	N. S. Morse, for furnishing watering trough,		3 00
"	Hazen Mills, for collecting taxes for 1858,		55 51
"	A. W. Sanborn, for Hearse,		140 00
"	C. L. Weymouth, for covering for Hearse,	63	
"	For taking care of hearse and grave tools,	2 00	2 63
"	S. S. Chamberlain, for repairing engine hose,	2 00	
"	Richard B. Morse, for repairing ladder,	62	2 16
"	H. O. Howland, for services as Superintending School Committee,		25 00
"	Henry Moore, for time and expense getting Town Reports printed,	3 75	
	To 2 lbs. powder Dist. No. 15,	40	4 15
"	School District No. 4 for School Money for 1858,		53 64

" Phineas Palmer for painting 31 post guides,	9 50	
" Charles Chase for 1 post and guide,	1 50	11 00
" Parker Morse for School House Tax for Dist. No. 7,		156 00
" Charles Stevens for School House Tax for District No 8,		535 00
" Samuel Kendall's Bill, balance on account,		1 75
" Lucien Kent's Bill for 16 dinners for Selectmen, Collector and Auditor,		6 00
		$1018 22

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1,	$176 43	
" " " 2,	80 93	
" " " 3,	100 80	
" " " 4,	50 36	
" " " 5,	34 48	
" " " 6,	50 82	
" " " 7,	59 67	
" " " 8,	70 53	
" " " 9,	35 63	
" " " 10,	35 77	
" " " 11.	41 40	
" Auburn,	10 21	
		$747 03

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Paid James M. Kent, for services,	36 00	
" Lewis Kimball, " "	15 50	
" Charles Chase, " "	15 50	67 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid James M. Kent's bill,	7 50	
" Lewis Kimball's bill,	1 25	
" Charles Chase's bill,	1 00	9 75
Paid Sundry bills as follows:		
" 1 Collector's Book,	38	
" 1 Invoice Book,	38	
" For Printing Orders,	1 38	
" For Printing Check Lists,	4 50	
" For Stationery,	75	7 39
" Auditor's services,		2 00
		86 14
		$2302 23

CHESTER, Feb. 24, 1860.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find the same correctly cast with vouchers for the several charges.

HENRY MOORE,
S. S. CHAMBERLIN, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

TOWN FARM EXPENDITURES.

1 yoke of Oxen,	83 00	
1 Cow,	30 00	
113 lbs. Sugar,	9 70	
14 lbs. Tea,	6 98	
75 lbs. Coffee,	9 52	
77 gallons Molasses,	24 10	
28 bags Meal,	57 06	
442 lbs. Fish,	15 63	
3 3-4 gallons Oil,	2 69	
125 yards Sheeting,	10 91	
64 yards Print,	6 40	
Hay Caps,	6 65	
100 Apple Trees,	17 00	
693 lbs. Beef,	51 76	
10 bbls. Flour,	73 62	
Grass Seed,	3 75	
Farming Tools	12 23	
219 lbs. Salt Pork,	26 62	
Leather,	8 58	
2 prs. Boots,	5 25	
1 pair Shoes,	1 33	
Blacksmithing,	16 50	
2 Coffins,	6 50	
Expenses of moving J. Little,	4 53	490 31
Paid J. P. Whittemore,		
Visit and medicine to County paupers,	6 00	
" " to Auburn,	5 25	
" " to Town,	9 25	20 50
B. F. Morse and wife, services,		225 00
Sundries,		101 67
16 lbs. Tobacco,		3 80
Supplies to E. Hall's family,		9 15
		$850 43

RECEIPTS.

By Cash of County,	167 47		
" " of Auburn,	131 07		
" " on hand from last year,	3 75		
" " of G. W. Clark,	48 00		
" " for Labor,	116 04		
" " " 8 Pigs,	18 80		
" " " 2 tons of Hay,	36 00		
" " " 1 yoke of Oxen,	105 00		
" " " 2 Cows,	59 41		
" " " 3 Calves,	14 22		
" " " Lumber,	47 45		
" " " 1 Colt,	23 00		
" " " Poultry,	15 23		
" " of Town Treasurer,	64 99	$850	43
The nett expenses of the Poor for the year is..		$64	99

STOCK AND PROVISIONS AT ALMS-HOUSE.

1 yoke of Oxen; 4 Cows; 1 Yearling; 1 Horse; 1 Shoat.
6 tons English Hay; 6 do. Run Hay; 90 bushels Potatoes;
10 bushels Carrots and Turnips; 1 2-3 bbls. Pork;
1-3 bbl. Beef; 40 lbs. Butter; 45 lbs. Cheese; 40 lbs. Lard;
5 bushels Beans; 5 do Oats; 25 lbs dried Apples;
1 bbl. Flour; 1 bag meal; 10 gallons Molasses.

The following articles of provision were obtained by labor off the farm: 3 tons English Hay; 3 tons Meadow Hay.

Whole number of paupers assisted at the Alms-House the past year, ... 19
Present number, ... 14

The following is a list of the names and ages of the present inmates of the Alms-House:

Nelson Hills,	42
John Dunlap,	70
Joel Estabrook,	72
Phillip Schey,	69
Sarah A. Potter,	39
Ann Simons,	47
Philip Flanders,	59
Hannah Flanders,	33
John Flanders,	1
Sally Whorf,	71
Abigail Lane,	52
Abigail Bryant,	36
Abner Morse,	75
Jesse Prescott,	65

THOMAS J. HAZELTON, *Overseer of the Poor.*

CHESTER, Feb. 24, 1860.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Overseer of the Poor, and find the same correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

S. S. CHAMBERLIN,
HENRY MOORE, } *Auditors.*

Dr. The Town of Chester in Account with Thomas J. Melvin, Treasurer. Cr.

To paid sundry Bills for Non-resident Taxes worked out in 1859,	20 80	By Cash from Treasurer, of last year,	924 94
To paid sundry Bills, for Non-resident Taxes worked out in 1857 and 1858,	2 88	Cash of Hazen Mills, bal. of last year's tax	425 00
To paid Hannah Currier's Note,	307 15	Cash for Railroad Tax,	7 50
Ezekiel Currier's Note,	254 70	Cash Literary Fund,	112 28
Moses Haselton, interest,	4 20	Cash for use of Town Hall,	7 50
J. B. Cheswell's Note,	106 42	Cash of Morse, error, last year,	23
Bill for Blinds and Hanging,	26 33	Cash on Samuel Kendall's Note,	2 69
Bill for printing Town Accounts,	18 00	Cash of Hazen Mills, Sch.house tax No. 8,	555 21
County Tax,	520 42	Cash of A. S. Dearborn, on his Note,	28 36
State Tax,	207 90	Cash of Hazen Mills, collector, in part for tax list for 1859,	2150 00
Orders of Selectmen, from No. 1 to No. 76, inclusive,	2302 23		
Treasurer's Services,	6 00		
	$3,777 03		
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	436 68		
	$4,213 71		$4,213 71

STATEMENT.

The Town owes the following debts, interest cast to Feb. 11, 1860.

Note to Josiah Seavey, dated Feb. 11, 1858,.....	1599 54
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Also the following on which the interest is cast to March 1, 1860.	
Note to Jacob Chase, dated May 13, 1853,.....	148 45
Note to Abigail A. Currier, dated March 1, 1858,... ..	1491 12
Note to Moses Haselton, dated Jan. 26, 1859, ...	70 40
	$3,352 97

The following sums are due the Town:

Note against Rufus Sanborn and James Bell, dated Feb. 23, 1860,.....	$175 00
Note against B. P. Robie, dated Feb. 4, 1858,.....	6 13
Due from Reuben Stevens, ...	3 10
Due from Noah Clark's Estate,.....	9 00
Cash and Liquor in hands of Liquor Agent,.....	98 00
Cash in the hands of H. Mills, Collector,.....	680 27
Cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer,.....	436 68
	$1,408 18

Balance against the Town,..... $1,944 79

THOMAS J. MELVIN, *Town Treasurer.*

CHESTER, Feb. 24, 1860.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

S. S. CHAMBERLIN, } *Auditors.*
HENRY MOORE, }

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

The undersigned has used his best endeavors, during the year now closed, to perform the duties which the law prescribes to the Superintending School Committee.

The duties of examining teachers and visiting schools have been performed as the statute requires. Your committee will not do justice to his feelings, if he does not here, at the outset of these remarks, bear testimony to the faithfulness of the teachers with whom he has co-operated during the year past, in advancing the interests of education. Taken as a whole, they were a corps of earnest and successful teachers. Your committee has not been obliged to visit the schools alone. Very generally the prudential committee and the parents of the scholars and others have been present. More visits by prudential committees have been reported this year than the last, and more visits by parents and other citizens. This is a change in the right direction. When the parents shall more generally visit the school-room, then will the scholars more frequently make good improvement of their privileges. The frequent presence of their parents in the school-room has a tendency to encourage the scholar and stimulate him to greater diligence in study and greater propriety in behavior.

The amount appropriated by the town was.....	$625 97
Literary Fund,.....	112 28
Railroad Tax, ...	8 78
	$747 03

The amount from the three sources above mentioned and appropriated to the several districts, is as follows:

District No. 1,		$176 43
"	2,	80 93
"	3,	100 80
"	4,	50 36
"	5,	34 48
"	6,	50 82
"	7,	59 67
"	8,	70 58
"	9,	35 63
"	10,	35 77
"	11,	41 40
"	1, in Auburn,	10 21
		$747 03

DISTRICT No. 1.

CHARLES WILCOMB, *Prudential Committee.*

This district has had the same Prudential Committee as last year the same teacher in all the three terms, and for the most part the same scholars, together with the same success in teaching and learning. In a school so large as this, where so much depends on system, there is an advantage in continuing the same teacher term after term. Being acquainted with the scholars and their various advancement in study, she can much sooner classify them and begin to give them that instruction which they need. Hannah M. Haselton the teacher, has done well in this school. Her peculiarly ingenious method of teaching the small scholars the art of adding and subtracting, attracted the attention of the committee, and is worthy of commendation.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JOHN STEVENS, *Prudential Committee.*

Summer Term. The teacher, Mary Coolidge, here made her first attempt at teaching, and succeeded well. In the register she gives the names of two scholars who were not absent a single half day, nor tardy, nor dismissed. Those scholars and their parents are worthy of commendation.

Winter Term. Samuel Marshall, Jr. teacher. That which particularly attracted the notice of the Committee here, was the evident thoroughness of instruction which marked the exercises. The teacher seemed desirous not so much to teach words, as to convey ideas. And in this he was successful. He is evidently well qualified as a teacher of youth.

DISTRICT, No. 3.

LUTHER FITZ, *Prudential Committee.*

Elizabeth B. Coolidge taught here both Summer and Winter. It s sufficient to say that the reputation which she had already acquired as a scholar and teacher, was fully sustained here. Both in government and instruction she excels. The scholars also for their endeavors to improve, deserve praise.

DISTRICT No. 4.

HIRAM BASFORD, *Prudential Committee.*

Lydia A. Knowles taught here in both terms. Under her instruction the school made progress both in respect to order and the attainment of knowledge. Her method of introducing the small scholars in arithmetic, to the use of the blackboard, is ingenious and worthy of praise. The school was a successful one.

DISTRICT No. 5.

JAMES T. KENDALL, *Prudential Committee.*

The single term in this District was taught by Sarah A. Hoyt.— The school was small, but there were good scholars there and the teacher performed her part well.

DISTRICT No. 6.

JAMES TOWLE, *Prudential Committee.*

Chastina Wason was the only teacher employed in this District this year. The scholars did well, although with various degrees of excellence, and the teacher was well qualified for her task. At the final visit to this school, notice was taken of the fact (which is, however not peculiar to this school,) that the classes had reviewed their studies, and consequently they seemed to be familiar with what they had learned and ready in the utterance of it. A few things wel learned are of more value than many more only partially learned.— The practice of reviewing near the close of each term, is becoming, it is believed, a more established custom, and with decided advantage.

DISTRICT No. 7.

GEORGE MERRILL, *Prudential Committee.*

Emily J. Haseltine was the teacher here in both terms. Under her faithful endeavors to promote the good of her scholars, they made progress in learning. So far as the Committee can judge, both teacher and scholars performed their respective tasks with ability and success.

DISTRICT No. 8.

CHARLES STEVENS, *Prudential Committee.*

Since last year's report was written, a new school-house has made its appearance in this district. The old one, although not so bad a house as is sometimes seen, was discarded as no longer worthy to be occupied, and now we see in its place a beautiful edifice, painted white, with green blinds, with spacious play-ground and suitable out-buildings. When we enter, we see that its interior is in keeping with its external appearance. The teacher's desk and the scholars' desks and seats are convenient and beautiful. The windows are made so that they can be let down at the top for ventilation. With such a school-house, the taste can be cultivated, the intellect disciplined, the moral nature purified and the whole mind of the young trained for happiness and usefulness much more easily than in that which they exchanged for it. No district should be satifised with anything less than the best school-house that can be built. It costs something to build a first rate school-house, it is true ; but when all the influences of the common school are taken into the account, it costs far less to have a good school-house than a poor one. This school-room has been used for three terms, since it has been built, and still the seats and desks look as well as new. The scholars evidently partake of the spirit of their fathers and desire to have and keep a neat and beautiful house.

This year, Sarah E. French has taught both Summer and Winter. There are here more large scholars than in some schools. They are well advanced in their studies. Diligence in study and good behavior characterized the scholars. Whispering seems to be almost, if not altogether banished from the school-room. The teacher seems to be well fitted to manage a school. She has done well. In her register she says: "The school-room should be furnished with a dictionary and a set of outline maps." It is a good suggestion and should be heeded.

DISTRICT No. 9.

AMOS SANBORN, *Prudential Committee.*

Chastina Wason taught and succeeded here as well as in District No. 6. This school appeared very well. Good progress was made in their studies. The scholars were very constant in their attend ance.

DISTRICT No. 10.

ISAAC L. SEAVEY, *Prudential Committee.*

Mary E. Patten, teacher. The same teacher has had the same success as last year. Both teacher and scholars have done well.

DISTRICT No. 11.

JOHN B. RAND, *Prudential Committee.*

Martha H. Emerson in Summer, and Nancie M. Fitts in the Autumn, taught here. It is not easy to say which was best. Both were excellent. Good order prevailed and progress was made in study.

Besides the schools now reported, there have been private schools in Districts Nos. 1, 3 and 7.

Reference has been made to the subject of whispering in schools. Your committee is happy to believe that this evil is diminishing.—There are some good scholars in nearly all our schools that almost entirely dispense with whispering. For this they reap a rich reward in their consequent increase of learning, and their influence over the smaller scholars is very happy. And there are some schools, where, in the successive visits of the committee, whispering without leave was scarcely seen. This is commendable and promises well for the good order of our schools.

The State has hitherto furnished a copy of the Report of the Board of Education for each School District. But this year one copy only is furnished to the town, and this is in the hands of the Town Clerk.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON O. HOWLAND.

Statistical Table.

	District, No.	Whole Number of scholars.	Number of scholars between 4 and 16.	Number of scholars over 16.	Average attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	No. not absent one half day.	Number of weeks	Wages per month, including Board.
FIRST TERM.										
Hannah M. Haselton	1	80	80	0	62	105	76	0	11	$22 00
Mary Coolidge	2	20	20	0	19	115	52	3	12	11 00
Elisabeth B. Coolidge	3	60	60	0	46	89	213	2	10	18 00
Lydia A. Knowles	4	20	19	1	16	27	29	3	12	15 00
Sarah A. Hoyt	5	10	10	0	9	54	9	3	12	11 33
Chastina Wason	6	25	25	0	22	3		2	8	15 00
Emily J. Haseltine	7	37	36	1	33	153		5	9	12 50
Sarah E. French	8	29	28	1	24	16	15	5	8	16 00
Chastina Wason	9	16	13	3	15	20		5	10	13 33
Mary E. Patten	10	16	16	0	13				9	14 00
Martha H. Emerson	11	15	14	1	13	53	41	0	8	14 00
SECOND TERM.										
Hannah M. Haselton	1	81	81	0	56	14	21	0	11	22 00
Samuel Marshall, jr.	2	24	19	5	22	29		7	7	26 00
Elisabeth B. Coolidge	3	41	37	4	34	55	69	7	10	20 00
Lydia A. Knowles	4	23	19	4	18	32	31	3	11	15 00
Chastina Wason	6	25	25	0	20	4		2	7	15 00
Emily J. Haseltine	7	38	38	0	28	265	0	0	11	15 00
Sarah E. French	8	28	22	6	23	36	20	7	8	17 00
Nancie M. Fitts	11	18	17	1	13	17	34	0	7	13 20
THIRD TERM.										
Hannah M. Haselton	1	69	64	5	50			6	8	24 00